



### **GALLERY OF DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS INDUCTEE 2004**

**CAROLE ROBERTSON** was born and raised in Birmingham. Friendly and smart, her life centered on church, school and extracurricular activities. She excelled at school and earned straight-A's on report cards. She studied ballet and music, was a member of the Parker High School marching band and science club. Carole took swimming lessons at Tuxedo Park. She was also a Girl Scout and belonged to Jack and Jill of America.

She showed a keen interest in history and language. It has been surmised that she might have pursued law as a profession.

Carole Robertson and three other young girls were murdered at 16th Street Baptist Church on September 15, 1963 when a bomb was planted at the church, a violent act committed to stop the non-violent campaign for justice and freedom that was being waged in Birmingham by civil rights activists.

Her legacy helped create the Carole Robertson Center for Learning in Chicago, a social service agency that serves children and their families.

Born April 24, 1949, Carole was 14 years old at the time of her death.